

# WARNING AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Place: Winona P.D.

First Name: Curtis

Middle Name: Giovanelli

Date: 16 July 96 Time: 025

Last Name: Flowers

Date of Birth: 5-29-70

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I have read this statement of my rights (This statement of my rights has been read to me) and I understand what my rights are.

16 July 96  
(Date)

0128  
(Time)

Curtis G. Howard  
(Signature)

## WAIVER

I am willing to discuss subjects presented and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

16 July 96  
(Date)

0130  
(Time)

Curtis G. Howard  
(Signature)

Witnessed by: J. Mattarozzi

Title: Det. NHD CEB

Witnessed by: John Johnson

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

7-16-96 W.P.D.  
AP. 1:30 P.M. J.M.J. J.M.  
Flowers, Curtis G. A.D.B. 5-29-70

Misidentified by J.M. - with J.M.J.  
Curtis wearing blue joesey type shirt & shorts  
Shorts came near knees - Old T-Shoes  
Sweaty -  
Small scratch near elbow - inner side of left  
Fore arm.

When asked how he hurt his arm he answered  
"It's nothing, I ran into something."

He was asked to tell what time he got up.  
AP. 6:30 AM. - Connie left AP. 6:30 to go to  
work.

Curtis said he fixed Lamarcus and his  
3 y.o. sister cereal at AP. 9:00 AM, and  
walked them to Connie's Mother's house on Powell  
AP. 9:15 to 9:30 he walked to his sister's house  
on Dennis St., by cutting through McVitt. At  
10:30 A.M. he said he went to Trog's Store.

He denied being upset at all with Mrs. Tard  
for holding money from his check, for dropping  
batteries off truck that were damaged, and  
further stating she did not need him anymore.

Curtis denied knowing about B&E.

I asked him if he ever went East of Hwy. 5

He answered. "No." I asked did he go across

51 to Jeff's Drive-Inn he answered "No."

INFORMATION OBTAINED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE:           **STATEMENTS MADE BY CURTIS FLOWERS  
                  AND OBSERVATIONS OF INVESTIGATORS**

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**FIRST CONTACT**

*July 16, 1996, Rights Waiver Form 01:25 P. M. to 01:30 P. M.*

*People present: Jack Matthews, John Johnson*

This meeting took place at the Winona Police Department, both officers asking questions. They generally were interested in Mr. Flowers' whereabouts on that day. Mr. Flowers was wearing blue jersey short pants, a blue shirt, and old tennis shoes. The defendant said that he got up that morning at his girlfriend's house, the girlfriend being Connie Moore who lived at 702A McNutt. The defendant stated that his girlfriend left for work that morning around 6 to 6:30 A. M. The defendant stated that he got up after she left for work, which would be sometime after 6 to 6:30 A. M. Defendant said that he fixed breakfast which was cereal for Connie's two children, and that sometime around 9:30 A.M. that morning he went to his sister's house on Dennis Street. Later, at about 10:30 A. M. he went to Troy Yates' store. Subsequently the defendant changed the time at which he supposedly went to his sister's house to be approximately 9:10 A. M. that morning. The defendant also stated that Connie's two children, LaMarcus and the smaller child, went to the Grandmother's house and the defendant says that he saw them headed in that direction.

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The defendant was asked if he had a gun or owned a gun, and the defendant emphatically

denied owning or having a gun. The defendant was asked if he had fired a gun that day and emphatically denied firing a gun that day. Later on at the end of the interview he was asked if he would submit to a gunshot residue test and he agreed to do that and after the interview did do that.

The defendant was also questioned about his employment at Tardy Furniture Company. The defendant said that he began his employment on June 29, 1996, which was a Saturday. That he worked for the rest of that week and worked the following week on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of July, that on July 3, he was sent to pick up some batteries for a golf cart and he stacked the batteries on the back of the truck. The defendant said that as he started to leave three of the batteries fell off of the truck and broke. Defendant said that Mrs. Tardy told him that the place where the batteries were purchased from would not make them good. That he would have to be responsible for paying for them because he did not load them correctly. The defendant said the store closed on the afternoon of the 3rd and that Mrs. Tardy had asked him if he needed some money for the weekend of the 4th and he said that he did. The defendant said Mrs. Tardy gave him \$30 before he left on July 3rd. The defendant said that the 4th, of course, was a holiday, and he did not work July 4 and he did not return to work on July 5 because he had relatives visiting and he did not go to work on the 6th either and did not show up for work on the following Monday, which would have been July 8. The defendant said that he called on Tuesday morning, July 9, and asked Mrs. Tardy if he still had a job and she told him that he did not because he was not reliable. The defendant asked Mrs. Tardy if he had any money coming and she said, No, because the loss of the batteries used up anything

that he had coming. The defendant denied any knowledge of the burglary that occurred at the Tardy Furniture Store on the weekend of July 6 or 7.

Investigators John Johnson and Jack Matthews saw scratch marks on the defendant's arm.

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Place: Winona P.D.

First Name: Curtis

Date: 18 July 96 Time: 1455

Middle Name: GIOWANDE

Last Name: FLOWERS

Date Of Birth: 5-29-70

High School Graduate

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18 July 96  
(Date)

1458  
(Time)

Curtis Flowers  
(Signature)

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18 July 96  
(Date)

1500  
(Time)

Curtis Flowers  
(Signature)

Witnessed by: J. Matthews  
Title: Det. MHP CIB

Witnessed by: A. Williams  
Title: MHP CIB Tech

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PERMISSION TO SEARCH

I, Curtis G. Flowers, have been informed by  
Jack Matthews and D.W. Miller

who made proper identification as (an) authorized law enforcement officer(s) of the

M/S. Hwy Patrol / CIB  
of my CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT not to have a search made of the premises and property  
owned by me and/or under my care, custody and control, without a search warrant.

Knowing of my lawful right to refuse to consent to such a search, I willingly give my  
permission to the above named officer(s) to conduct a complete search of the premises  
and property, including all buildings and vehicles, both inside and outside of the property

located at ON MY SELF - To wit (1) pair  
Nike Force Black Tennis Shoes

The above said officer(s) further have my permission to take from my premises and  
property, any letters, papers, materials or any other property or things which they  
desire as evidence for criminal prosecution in the case or cases under investigation.

This written permission to search without a search warrant is given by me to the above  
officer(s) voluntarily and without any threats or promises of any kind, at 3:50 P.  
15 50.M.  
on this 18 day of July 1996, at The Winona Police Dept.

Signed Curtis Flowers

Witness: Matthews Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 701 Hwy 82, Concord Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) 453-4515 Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_

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INTERVIEW WITH: CURITS G. FLOWERS

DATE: JULY 18,1996

TIME: 1502 HOURS

PLACE: WINONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY: MASTER SEREGEANT JACK MATTHEWS

OTHERS PRESENT: LIEUTENANT H. W. MILLER

REFERENCE: ARMED ROBBERTY

INTERVIEW

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MATTHEWS: Testing one, two, three...test...in...test.

MATTHEWS: Today's date is 18-July, 1996. The time is 1502. At the Winona Police Department in Winona, Mississippi. Interviewing Curtis, C-U-R-T-I-S, G. Flowers, F-L-O-W-E-R-S. Curtis' date of birth is 5-29-70. Conducting this invest....interview will be Master Sergeant Jack Matthews, Investigator with the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Also present is Liutenant H. W. Miller, Investigator with the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Today's date ah, is 18, July.

MATTHEWS: Curtis, ah, just a few minutes ago we...you read a statement of your rights and you understand what your rights are and you signed a waiver. Is that correct?

FLOWERS: Yes sir.

MATTHEWS: Okay. And you agreed to talk with us today about your employment at Tardy's Furniture Store?

FLOWERS: Yes sir.

MATTHEWS: And ah, some details about that?

FLOWERS: Yes sir.

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**MATTHEWS:** (...some shuffling noise...) Okay. I need to talk back with you on ah, 16, July the 16. And you indicated that ah, around July the 1st, that you were employed at Tardy's Furniture Store...

**FLOWERS:** The 29th.

**MATTHEWS:** ...and you worked there a few days.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. The 29th of June?

**FLOWERS:** Mhm...

**MATTHEWS:** Okay.

**FLOWERS:** That Saturday.

**MATTHEWS:** All right. That was on a Saturday?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. That was the first day that you worked, right?

**FLOWERS:** Yes sir.

**MATTHEWS:** All right. Tell us a little about ah, about the time you started to work with them and, and why you left and...some of the things we talked about the day before.

**FLOWERS:** Well, Saturday my first day. Worked Saturday, Monday, Tuesday. Wednesday we get off at 12 noon. Work half a day on Wednesday. (...inaudible..) the 3rd. Suppose to come back the fifth and the sixth. I didn't show up.

**MATTHEWS:** You told us about an incident that happened, I believe on the third concerning some batteries that you were suppose to pick up. Tell us about that.

**FLOWERS:** Yeah. She told me to load up two used mattresses' that we had picked up from a lady (...inaudible..) and take them up to ah, behind the tractor place right here on 51 and put em in the warehouse. She told me when I got done loaded them pull around to (...inaudible...). He had six batteries that her husband was gonna get for a tractor or somethin. Tractor batteries. Anyway I pulled around there and loaded them up. I pulled off, three of them fell off. So when I got back

around there, I told her what happened. She called around there, he told her to brang em back so he could see if he could get some kind of deal on em. And ah, evidently he couldn't or somethin. She told me ah, well she said you're responsible for the batteries. You should have tied em down. And if they can't do anythang, you have to pay for them out of your check. That was it and she sent me ah on up there to put her mattresses' in the warehouse and sent me to Carrollton to take her mattresses'.

**MATTHEWS:** What did you, did you pick up some more batateries and take them around?

**FLOWERS:** No. She just told me...the ones I dropped, I picked them up and put em back on the truck. When I got back around there they took all of em off.

**MATTHEWS:** All right. This was the third? July the 3rd?

**FLOWERS:** I guess.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. And ah, July the 4th was a holiday and ya'll didn't open that day?

**FLOWERS:** (...inaudible..)

**MATTHEWS:** And you suppose to go that Friday...

**FLOWERS:** That Friday.

**MATTHEWS:** ...was July the 5th?

**FLOWERS:** Yes sir.

**MATTHEWS:** And, and...

**FLOWERS:** I didn't go.

**MATTHEWS:** ...you didn't go? Did you call in?

**FLOWERS:** I called in Friday.

**MATTHEWS:** I didn't call Saturday.

**MATTHEWS:** You was suppose to work that Friday...

**FLOWERS:** And Saturday.

**MATTHEWS:** ...and Saturday?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MATTHEWS: The sixth? All right. When did you find out that they had terminated you?

FLOWERS: Uh, Tuesday. Tuesday that next week.

MATTHEWS: You didn't go to work Monday evening?

FLOWERS: (...if he responded, it was a silent response...)

MATTHEWS: Did you even call in?

FLOWERS: Uhmm. And then that Tuesday, I got up, I was gone go. When I got to my mama's house, I called. And I asked her, did Mike come back to work. She said, "No". I asked her did I still have a job. She said, no. I said, did I get a one day ah, pay check. She told me uh, my check was pretty much covered up for them batteries. That was it.

MATTHEWS: I understand that ah, before you got off on the 3rd, that shes loaned you some money. Thirty dollars.

MATTHEWS: Thirty dollars?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MATTHEWS: Did you have to pay that thirty dollars back?

FLOWERS: She told my check was used up and that was it. She told me I could pay the thirty dollars back out of my check when she gave it to me. When I called her, she said well my check was used up.

MATTHEWS: Have you been back by the store since that time?

FLOWERS: No sir.

MATTHEWS: Have you been working anywhere since that time?

FLOWERS: Nothin more than mowing yards and working on cars and stuff like that.

MATTHEWS: Do you own a car?

FLOWERS: Yes sir. A Nissan pickup.

MATTHEWS: You were telling me something ah, other day about that car. It had some

kind of mechanical problems.

FLOWERS: Yeah, I need a head (...inaudible...)

MATTHEWS: A heater?

FLOWERS: A head.

MATTHEWS: A head? So it's not running at this time?

FLOWERS: No sir. I'm in my sister's car now.

MATTHEWS: When...d..when...ah...how long is it?

FLOWERS: Mmmm...it's been about two and a half months now.

MATTHEWS: So you hadn't had a vehicle for two and a half months??

FLOWERS: M-mumm.

MATTHEWS: When did you find out that ah, Mrs. Tardy and ah, her employees...about the incident that happened down there Tuesday?

FLOWERS: When I got down there.

MATTHEWS: Yeah?

FLOWERS: Mhmmm.

MATTHEWS: In other words sometime around uh...

FLOWERS: After ah, twelve or somethin.

MATTHEWS: Yeah, sometime between twelve and one? (...inaudible...) Talked to you about one thirty?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MATTHEWS: That's the first you knew about it?

FLOWERS: Yeah. And I stopped back by the store on the way home and then my daddy told me.

MATTHEWS: What did you....what...what was your actaivities on that Tuesday?

FLOWERS: Tuesday?

**MATTHEWS:** This past Tuesday?

**FLOWERS:** Tuesday. Baby sittin.

**MATTHEWS:** Just give me a run down as to what you did that day?

**FLOWERS:** I baby sittin my girlfriends kid. I left the house twice. I went over to my sisters' house, who stays right there on the next street and I went to Jeff's Store.

**MATTHEWS:** Where?

**FLOWERS:** Jeff's Store, right down 51. Down (...inaudible...).

**MATTHEWS:** All right ah, what time did you get up that morning?

**FLOWERS:** Oooh...somewhere between...probably 9:30 somethin till 10:00.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. And you baby sitted your girlfriends' children?

**FLOWERS:** (...inaudible...)

**MATTHEWS:** (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** She got two right now, I'm stayin with her.

**MATTHEWS:** How old are they?

**FLOWERS:** Oooh....one of em two and the other one I thank eleven.

**MATTHEWS:** Boy or girl.

**FLOWERS:** Boy. Boy eleven and the girl is two.

**MATTHEWS:** Two. Okay. About what time did you get up that morning?

**FLOWERS:** About 9:30 or somethin till 10:00.

**MATTHEWS:** You were there at the house with the children...

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MATTHEWS:** ... until about 9:30 or a quarter till ten.

**FLOWERS:** Naw, I got up at 9:30or somethin till ten.

**MATTHEWS:** Were the kids there at the house when you got up?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm. Yeah.

MATTHEWS: Okay. Where was your girlfriend?

FLOWERS: At work. Richardson Brother.

MATTHEWS: What time did she (...inaudible...)?

FLOWERS: Seven.

MATTHEWS: Did you, you didn't get up before she left?

FLOWERS: No.

MATTHEWS: She just got up and...

FLOWERS: I always just tell her bye and kids stay there in the bed.

MILLER: During that period of time did you talk to anybody on the telephone?

FLOWERS: No sir.

MILLER: (...inaudible...) telephone?

FLOWERS: No sir.

MILLER: (...inaudible...)

FLOWERS: (...inaudible...)

MATTHEWS: At what time did yo go to your sisters?

FLOWERS: About (...inaudible..) Twelve something (...inaudible..)

MATTHEWS: And you indicated that you went to ah, the store.

FLOWERS: Yeah, that was like...

MATTHEWS: What was the name of that store?

FLOWERS: (...inaudible..) Stop and Go.

MATTHEWS: (...inaudible...) Stop and Go. That's on US 51?

FLOWERS: Uh-huh. South.

MATTHEWS: What time did you go to the store?

FLOWERS: Mmmm....it was about...I imagine about 12:30, 12:45 somewhere in there.

MILLER: MATTHEWS: ...inaudible...) Sisters.

**FLOWERS:** Yeah, I went and got a...went and got a six pack and ah, bag of chips, pack of cigarettes and that's it.

**MATTHEWS:** Is that right before they, they picked you up to come down here?

**FLOWERS:** Yeah, I was drankin then. Yeah. I had just opened a beer and (...inaudible...) Someone knocked on the door.

**MILLER:** Where did you get the money to buy the beer (...inaudible..)?

**FLOWERS:** (...inaudible..)

**MILLER:** (...inaudible..)

**FLOWERS:** It comes in on Wednesday, this was Tuesday.

**FLOWERS:** Yeah. I still had money from the week before that.

**MILLER:** What was your unemployment check?

**FLOWERS:** What is it? One nineteen.

**MILLER:** One nineteen?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MILLER:** Was that your first unemployment check?

**FLOWERS:** That was my third one. Last week was ah, that ... this week was the only week I didn't get an unemployment check.

**MILLER:** Cause you worked (...inaudible...)?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. You got up around 9:30 that morning?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MATTHEWS:** All right. You stayed there at your... girlfriends apartment. Where does she live, what's the address?

**FLOWERS:** 7028 Mc(...inaudible...) Drive.

**MATTHEWS:** Did you, you didn't go anywhere until you went....your sisters' house was

the first place that you went?

**FLOWERS:** First place I went.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay, so you stayed there at the house from the time you got up at 9:30...

**FLOWERS:** I couldn't (...inaudible...)

**MATTHEWS:** ...about what time? That you went to your sisters?

**FLOWERS:** It was about noon about dinner right in there.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. And you stayed over there for how long?

**FLOWERS:** About fifteen minutes.

**MATTHEWS:** Where does she live in relationship to your apartment that you and your girlfriend stay?

**FLOWERS:** My girlfriend stay on Mc(..inaudible...) and she stay on Danny Street, which is the next street over.

**MATTHEWS:** How...how far is that?

**FLOWERS:** Well walking around the street it about a mile path go straight up between two apartment houses to our house.

**MATTHEWS:** How long does it take you (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** About five minutes.

**MILLER:** Where was the two year old when you were over at your sisters' house?

**FLOWERS:** Up at their grandmama.

**MILLER:** Huh?

**FLOWERS:** Up to their grandmama.

**MILLER:** Did you take them over there?

**FLOWERS:** Humm?

**FLOWERS:** No sir. We always just send em over the hill. Cause her grandmama stay behind her. You just go over the hill to the street and all you do is cross. So, you know...



MILLER: And you were keeping the children?

FLOWERS: Yes sir. But when you went to your sisters' house, who kept the children?

FLOWERS: Their grandmother.

MILLER: Did she come over to the house?

FLOWERS: No, I sent them over there.

MILLER: You sent them up to the grandmothers' house?

FLOWERS: Mhmm. Sure did, cause when I left my sisters' house and come back to by the house, cut through behind the house and went to (...inaudible...).

MATTHEW: You were at Jeff's at some time around what time?

FLOWERS: About 12:45, (...inaudible...)

MATTHEWS: You bought six pack of beer?

FLOWERS: Six pack of beer, ah, pack of cigarette, and two bag of chip.

MATTHEWS: And that was on Tuesday?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MATTHEWS: The same day as when you came here to talk with us. Where did you go when you left the store?

FLOWERS: To the house.

MATTHEWS: Back to the apartment?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MATTHEWS: Okay. Was anybody there when you got back there?

FLOWERS: Nope. When I come across the street (...inaudible...), up the street, (...inaudible...) Standing in the yard. I walked to the edge of the hill and told them good morning and we all went to the house together.

MATTHEWS: You didn't go anywhere that morning except to your sisters and what is your sisters name?

**FLOWERS:** Priscilla.

**MATTHEWS:** Priscilla? And she lives on what street?

**FLOWERS:** Danny Street.

**MATTHEWS:** Danny Street? Took you about five minutes to from your apartment to her house?

**FLOWERS:** About five minutes. Mhmmm.

**MATTHEWS:** You stayed there what?

**FLOWERS:** About fifteen, twenty minutes.

**MATTHEWS:** You left there going to?

**FLOWERS:** Kelly Stop and Go.

**MATTHEWS:** Kelly Stop and Go, you didn't go by your apartment?

**FLOWERS:** Yeah, I cut across, I had to go through there. I gotta go the path. The path go behind the house.

**MATTHEWS:** Well, did you go in your apartment or did you just...?

**FLOWERS:** No, I didn't go in. Mhmmm.

**MATTHEWS:** ...and on to the store?

**FLOWERS:** On to the store.

**MATTHEWS:** And got your beer, cigarettes and potato chips.

**FLOWERS:** Come back.

**MATTHEWS:** And came back (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** And got the kids from top of the hill and went back to the house.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. So you stopped at the grandmothers and got them?

**FLOWERS:** No sir. From where their grandmama stay and I stay, my girlfriend stay you can see all across there. When I come across the school campus, got on Pile Street and crossed over the hill, they could see me. We met up at the top of the hill and come to the house.

X MATTHEWS: So if anybody sa...says they saw you any other place, but your apartment or your sisters' house or Kelly Store...

FLOWERS: Kelly Store.

MATTHEWS: ...or walking in between those places then that wouldn't be the truth?

FLOWERS: Walking between Kelly, my house and my sisters' house?

MATTHEWS: Right. If they saw you any other place other than those places?

\* FLOWERS: Oh yeah, oh yeah, he a lie.

MATTHEWS: That'd be a lie?

FLOWERS: Mhmmm.

MATTHEWS: Okay.

FLOWERS: Sure would.

MATTHEWS: Can you think back, is there any other place you went or anybody you talked to during that time?

FLOWERS: (...someone clears throat... Didn't go nowhere else.

MATTHEWS: Who was at your sisters' house when you got there?

FLOWERS: LaToya...Harley....that's my cousin.

MATTHEWS: She's your cousin.

FLOWERS: She's staying with my sister.

MATTHEWS: You, you said your...your girlfriend dudn't have a telephone?

FLOWERS: No she don't.

MATTHEWS: Does her mother have a phone?

FLOWERS: Yes she has a phone.

MATTHEWS: Okay. You didn't use it?

FLOWERS: Uhmmm. She don't even like me.

MATTHEWS: How long ... what are your girlfriends' hours?

**FLOWERS:** Uh, they were suppose to work seven to three (...inaudible...), sometime they work seven to five (...inaudible...).

**MATTHEWS:** So she was at work. Does she come home for lunch?

**FLOWERS:** No.

**MATTHEWS:** She, when she goes to work at seven she's usually there till 3:30 (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** Or five thirty.

**MATTHEWS:** You didn't see her until later on that afternoon?

**FLOWERS:** When she got there Mrs. Vanhorn was pulling up.

**MILLER:** (...inaudible...) caught a ride from here with Mrs. Vanhorn?

**FLOWERS:** Uh-huh. I walked home.

**MATTHEWS:** Oh. From here?

**FLOWERS:** Uh-huh.

**MATTHEWS:** Do you have any more questions?

**MILLER:** Yeah. When you went to work that day who hired you?

**FLOWERS:** Ah, Mr. ~~T~~ardy.

**MILLER:** Mr. Hardy?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MILLER:** Who referred you to that job?

**FLOWERS:** Ah, Mike, Mike (...inaudible...).

**MILLER:** Mike?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MILLER:** (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** Yeah. Going to truck driver school.

**MILLER:** Did she hire you the same day that you went to work?

**FLOWERS:** No. I went down on that Friday evening and she told me I could come back Saturday morning.

**MILLER:** Saturday morning?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MILLER:** Did you and Mrs. Tardy have any problems?

**FLOWERS:** No.

**MILLER:** I mean we know about the batteries. (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** No sir. Other than that we didn't have no problems. We didn't argue about that, you know. She talked to me and she told me. I understood, cause I should'a tied them down, you know.

**MILLER:** How much was your check that you had coming?

**FLOWERS:** I don't know. She was paying me five dollars an hour.

**MILLER:** How many hours did you have?

**FLOWERS:** Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

**MILLER:** You never actually drew a paycheck?

**FLOWERS:** No sir. I didn't get that check, cause ...

**MILLER:** (...inaudible...they are talking over each other...)

**FLOWERS:** ...told me....

**MILLER:** ...work on seven?

**FLOWERS:** Uh...seven, from nine to five.

**MILLER:** (...inaudible...) on Monday?

**FLOWERS:** Monday?

**MATTHEWS:** That would have been the first.

**FLOWERS:** M-m-mum. I thank I came in that day. If I came in, I worked seven hours.

**MILLER:** And then Tuesday?

FLOWERS: Tuesday, I worked seven.

MILLER: (...inaudible...)

FLOWERS: (...inaudible...) Wednesday.

MILLER: We're talking about twenty six hours.

FLOWERS: Yeah, somethin like that. I wouldn't know.

MILLER: So your check you had coming was running a hundred dollars, or a little over.

FLOWERS: Yes sir. Some where in there. (...inaudible...)

MILLER: (...inaudible...) Uh, okay, and who fired you, you said?

FLOWERS: She didn't fire me. She just told me she couldn't use me no more.

MILLER: Just couldn't use you anymore? But she told you that your check had been used up?

FLOWERS: Yeah.

MATTHEWS: Did that surprise you when she told you that?

FLOWERS: No sir. Cause she told me the same day the...the same day the battery was dropped that ah, if they didn't give her some kind of deal on it, who ever handled the battery was responsible. That was it.

MILLER: All right, ah, well did you have anything to say to her about that?

FLOWERS: No sir. She (...inaudible...)

MILLER: (...started to say something...)

FLOWERS: (...inaudible....) She said she was gone leave the store early, said if ah, if she wouldn't dare when we got back to come over to her house and just brang the key. But when we got back, she was right there in front of the store. Her and her husband. Just coming out gettin in the car. (...someone is talking in the background...)

MILLER: All right what day was it that you ah...dropped the battery?

FLOWERS: Wednesday.

MILLER: It was Wednesday morning?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MILLER: What day was it you borrowed the thirty dollars?

FLOWERS: Wednesday before we left.

MILLER: Which did you do first, borrow the money or ah, drop the batteries?

FLOWERS: Dropped the batteries.

MILLER: First?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MILLER: And then she still loaned you thirty dollars?

FLOWERS: When we got ready to go home. She (...inaudible...) she said, Curtis (...inaudible...) pay first. She said, well do you need to borrow anything? I said, "yes mam, I could use thirty dollars." And she gave me thirty dollars.

MILLER: So there really was no big problem with who (...inaudible...)?

FLOWERS: No sir. We didn't exchange no words.

MATTHEWS: How did you get along with ah, Mrs. Rigby?

FLOWERS: Mrs. Rigby?

MATTHEWS: The other lady. (...inaudible...)

FLOWERS: The secretary? Oh, me and her cleaned up together.

MILLER: All right. On the fourth you took off because it was a holiday?

FLOWERS: Mhmm.

MILLER: Who all did you see on the fourth? Who (...inaudible...) buddies that you ran around with?

FLOWERS: Oo-o-h...on the fourth? We had a big get together at my house....my mothers' house.

MILLER: Name some of the people that was there.

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**FLOWERS:** Oh, Johnny Campbell, Roscoe Campbell, my mother, my father. You need some more?

**MILLER:** Yeah. I mean, how many people are you talking about?

**FLOWERS:** (...inaudible...) The family.

**MILLER:** The whole family, large...

**MILLER:** Who outside the family?

**FLOWERS:** Mmmmm. I cain't thank of anybody outside the family.

**MILLER:** Well what did you do on Saturday, I mean on Friday? You didn't go to work, so what did you do on Friday?

**FLOWERS:** Sat at the house.

**MILLER:** By yourself?

**FLOWERS:** Uhhh. My girlfriend, she uz off too.

**MILLER:** Did you argue with anybody, go any place?

**FLOWERS:** No.

**MILLER:** What did you do on Saturday?

**FLOWERS:** Back over to my mother house. We sat around and dranked out there on the picnic tables and stuff.

**MILLER:** Some of the same people that was there...

**FLOWERS:** My uncle, Johnny Calhoun, Roscoe, Roger Campbell, uh...that's about it.

**MILLER:** And then Sunday, you....

**FLOWERS:** Nothin.

**MILLER:** You didn't do anything (...inaudible...) Did you tell a lot of people the problems that you had had down here about dropping the batteries and....

**FLOWERS:** Mmmm, my ah, my girlfriend. Well my uncle and them, they saw it. Cause we uz between the alley over there at the alley over there at the (...inaudible...). The front store.



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**MILLER:** (...inaudible..)

**FLOWERS:** Bobby Campbell.

**MILLER:** (...inaudible...).

**FLOWERS:** He came (...inaudible...). Anyway ah, they was over there at the fish market over there. And they was coming out the parking lot when I was coming up the alley.

**MILLER:** And they saw the batteries (...inaudible...)?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmmm.

**MILLER:** But you didn't uh,...did you have a lot to say about the fact that ah, that they owed you some money?

**FLOWERS:** No sir. Mmum.

**MILLER:** After you ah, was trying to (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** No sir. I ask was I suppose to be able to receive a check and she told me remember we talked about the battery?. And I said, "Yes mam". And she said, well your check was used up. That was it.

**MATTHEWS:** Did you know ah, about the store had been broken into?

**FLOWERS:** Uh, Mr. Tardy told me about that. Told me how they came in and everythang. He said that ah, (...inaudible...).

**MATTHEWS:** Where...(...inaudible...)?

**FLOWERS:** At the store when I was working.

**MATTHEWS:** This was when, (...inaudible...)?

**FLOWERS:** I don't know he just telling me about a break in they had awhile back. That was the day I started.

**MILLER:** That was the same day you started that he was telling you about a break in.

**FLOWERS:** Yeah. He was telling me about a break in.

**MILLER:** But didn't they have one while you was working down there?

**FLOWERS:** I don't know. She never did brang it up. Cause you know I never did go back to work. When I called up there she told me she couldn't use me no more. I ask her did I have any paycheck coming and she told me remember we talked about the battery. She said it used up. I said, okay. She said, sorry thangs didn't work out. I told her okay. That was it.

**MILLER:** And that was what day?

**FLOWERS:** Uh...that Tuesday.

**MILLER:** What Tuesday?

**FLOWERS:** Uh, mmmm.....I thank it was the ninth, tenth, I don't know.

**MILLER:** After the first Tuesday after the fourth?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm. Yeah.

**MILLER:** So you didn't go to work that Monday either?

**FLOWERS:** Mmum. No sir.

**MILLER:** You didn't call her?

**FLOWERS:** I called her Saturday, I called her Friday and I called her Monday. And I didn't go in Tuesday, but about eleven something Tuesday I called her. And I asked her, did Mike come to work and she said naw. I asked her did I still have a job and she said, well she couldn't use me cause I missed too many days. I asked her did I have a paycheck coming and she said you remember we talked about the battery, you used it up.

**MILLER:** So that was on Tuesday?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MILLER:** (...inaudible...)

**FLOWERS:** About eleven something.

**MILLER:** You called her?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MATTHEWS:** Have you had a lot to say to different people about what happened there?

**FLOWERS:** No sir. Nobody but Mike. I told Mike (...inaudible...) to deliver the mattress. She called Mike to help me. Me and Mike was going to Canton. I just told Mike that man she sent me (...inaudible...). And I got some batteries and dropped them. She said either if Jimmy don't give me some kind of deal I had to pay for them. And he said no you didn't man, you know to tie them down. I said yeah I knew it, I said I told em. Yeah, and that was it.

**MILLER:** What about ah, what kind of fellow is Mike?

**FLOWERS:** He a good guy.

**MILLER:** Good guy?

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. If it would be all right with you uh, we want ...when we leave here, we'll carry you back to your girlfriends' house or either where ever you want to go.

**FLOWERS:** I got the car.

**MATTHEWS:** Okay. Well, well maybe before we do that then, we want you to show us where you live and, and where your sister lives....

**MILLER:** (...inaudible...talking over each other)

**MATTHEWS:** And we'll bring you back. Show us what you did and places you that you went. (...sounds like a girls voice...says someting and glass breaking...). Cause neither one of us are from Winona and we, we're not familiar with you know exactly where you're talking about.

**FLOWERS:** Mhmm. Mhmmm. All right.

**MATTHEWS:** This concludes the interview on Curtis Flowers. The time is 1525.  
(...someone is making a lot of noise and glass breaking...)

Second contact with the defendant, Curtis Flowers, July 18, 1996.

On this day the defendant took a polygraph examination administered by Robert Jennings at the Winona Police Station. The defendant signed a Rights Waiver to take the polygraph. Robert was the only one present there. The defendant was, reacted and showed deception on knowledge of both the burglary on the weekend of the 6th or 7th and on having knowledge of the murders, and was reactive and showed deception on having committed the murders.

Robert Jennings saw scratch marks on the defendant's arm and pointed them out to Investigator Matthews, who acknowledges that he had seen them earlier.

**RE:  
JENNINGS**

**POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY ROBERT  
ON JULY 18, 1996**

**The defendant showed deception on Questions 5, 8, 11, and 14, with regard to questions  
about the murders at Tardy Furniture Company.**

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On July 18, 1996, at approximately 14:55 hours at the Winona Police Department, Curtis G. Flowers was interviewed by Investigator Jack Matthews and Wayne Miller. The defendant signed his Rights Waiver acknowledging that he had been advised of his rights at 14:58 hours and the defendant signed a waiver of those rights at approximately 1500 hours. At this point an audio taped statement was taken from the defendant.

The Officers then, while in route to Carroll County Sheriff's office obtained the defendant's further consent to take his tennis shoes, and upon reaching the Carroll County Sheriff's office the defendant voluntarily submitted to photographing and fingerprinting. Upon completion of photographing and fingerprinting, the defendant was carried back to Winona to his home at 702A McNutt.

# WARNING AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Place: Winona P.D.

First Name: Curtis G. Flowers

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 23 July 96 Time: 1212 hrs.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## WARNING

BEFORE YOU ARE ASKED ANY QUESTIONS, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS.

- You have a right to remain silent.
- Anything you say can be used against you in court.
- You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.
- If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.
- If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

I have read this statement of my rights (This statement of my rights has been read to me) and I understand what my rights are.

23 July 96  
(Date)

1215 hrs.  
(Time)

Curtis Flowers  
(Signature)

## WAIVER

I am willing to discuss subjects presented and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

23 July 96  
(Date)

1215 hrs.  
(Time)

Curtis Flowers  
(Signature)

Witnessed by: [Signature]

Title: Sgt. MHPCEB

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol

CONSENT TO SEARCH

7-23-96 16-15 Winona MS  
Date Time Location

In order to cooperate in an investigation being conducted by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, I, Curtis G. Flowers  
(Name)

residing at Winona, MS [REDACTED]  
(Address)

do hereby voluntarily authorize JACK MATTHEWS + WAYNE MILLER  
(Officer's Name)

of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol to search and take Nike  
Tennis shoes FROM MY PERSON  
(Describe residence, object, or vehicle to be searched)

and its contents, which are owned or controlled by me and remove any items pertinent to their investigation, providing a receipt is furnished for the removed items.

No promise, threat, or coercion of any kind has been made against me by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and I have been informed by the above named officer that I may refuse to consent to any search and that I may revoke my consent to search at any time.

SIGNATURE

Curtis Flowers

OFFICER(S)

JACK MATTHEWS  
Wayne Miller

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WAIVER AND CONSENT TO UNDERGO  
POLYGRAPH TESTING

I, Curtis Giovanni Flowers DO HEREBY SUBMIT TO TAKE A  
POLYGRAPH EXAM HAVING BEEN TOLD OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT  
NOT TO BE TESTED. I AGREE HAVING HAD SAID POLYGRAPH  
TECHNIQUE EXPLAINED TO ME AND I DO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE  
PROCEDURES. I SUBMIT TO THIS TEST FREELY AND THERE HAS BEEN  
NO PRESSURE, COERCION, OR PROMISE OF REWARD OR IMMUNITY MADE  
TO ME. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED OF MY RIGHT TO SPEAK WITH  
AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO THE TESTING IF I WISH TO DO SO. I  
AGREE TO AND DO SUBMIT TO THE POLYGRAPH TESTING HAVING HAD  
ALL THE ABOVE EXPLAINED TO ME AND I HAVE READ THE ABOVE  
WAIVER AND CONSENT.

X Curtis - Flowers  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON TESTED

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE OF EXAMINER

NOW THAT THE SAID TEST IS COMPLETE, I CERTIFY THAT I  
SUBMITTED TO THE TEST FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND WAS WELL  
TREATED DURING THE TEST AND WAS ADVISED THAT I COULD LEAVE  
AT ANY TIME DURING THE TEST.

7-23-96  
DATE

Curtis Flowers  
SIGNATURE OF TESTEE



Lt. Wayne Miller  
Mississippi Highway Patrol  
Investigations.

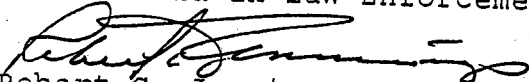
Wayne,

On 7-22-96 I administered a Polygraph examination to Doyle Simpson pertaining to a statement he had made concerning the theft of a pistol. Simpson showed deception to having lied to Officers about the theft and also to having knowledge about the murders at Tart'y Furniture Store. Please find attached the questions asked of Simpson and also a photo copy of the chart itself. It is my opinion that Simpson is not truthful about the theft of the gun and knows who committed the murders.

Also on 7-23-96 I administered two test to Curtis Flowers, This was pertaining to a Burglary of Tarty's Furniture on the weekend of the 6th of July. He was also tested in reference to the murders. Flowers showed deception to both polygraphs. The strongest deception was indicated on the Planning and Conspiring and also having committed the crimes himself. Please find attached a copy of the questions and again copies of the charts.

If I can be of further assistance feel free to call.

Your friend in Law Enforcement

  
Robert C. Jennings

1. Is your name Curtis Flowers?
2. Is today Tuesday?
3. Do you intend to try to lie to me on this test?
4. Is this the month of July?
5. Do you know just ~~some~~ who killed the people at  
Jartip Furniture?
6. Are you 26 years old?
7. Were you born on 5-29-70?
8. Did you plan or conspire with anyone to  
kill the people at Jartip?
9. Are you living on Code 5?
10. Are you now in Wisconsin?
11. Did you tell the people at Jartip last week?
12. Is today Tuesday?
13. Is this the month of July?
14. Have you deliberately lied to me on this test?

to sister's house at about 11:00 AM. Young and <sup>brother</sup> ~~brother~~ <sup>riding</sup> ~~riding~~ <sup>Friday</sup> ~~Friday~~ <sup>that day</sup>  
then to Jeff's Stop and Go. back to home -

Curtis  
Flowers

and records. (know more.)

Roscoe Campbell  
Henry Campbell

- 1. Is your name Curtis Flowers?
- 2. Is today Tuesday?
- 3. Do you intend to try to lie to me on this test?
- + 4. Is this the month of July?
- 5. Did you know just some who broke into Jartys on the weekend of July 6th?
- + 6. Are you 26 years old?
- + 7. Were you born on 5-29-70?
- 8. Did you plan or conspire with anyone to break into Jartys?
- + 9. Do you live on Lake St?
- + 10. Are you in Wisconsin?
- 11. Did you break into Jartys Furniture Store?
- 12. Is today Tuesday?
- + 13. Is this the month of July?
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At Highlands Park sitting  
702A McMillan Dr.

Curtis

Flowers

Relatives from  
New Orleans -  
female -

July 23, 1996, at 1212 hours at the Winona Police Department the defendant was given his miranda warnings which he signed at 1215 and he further signed his rights waiver form at 1215. The waiver form is witnessed by Jack Matthews and also present was Wayne Miller. On this interview the defendant was specifically asked if he had been at the Angelica Uniform Factory at any time on the morning of July 16 and the defendant said No., he had not been. The defendant was also asked if he had been in town around the area of Tardy Furniture Store and the defendant said No, that he had not been. The officers then obtained a consent to search to take a pair of white Nike tennis shoes off Curtis Flowers feet and the defendant was specifically asked if he had any other tennis shoes other than the pair they had given him on the 18th and the pair that they were getting at that time and the defendant said, No, that these were the only two pair he had.